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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN MEETING WITH RHODESIAN
ANC LEADERS

1. AS FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF OUR SUPPORT FOR
MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA, SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH JOSHUA NKOMO, BISHOP MUZOREWA
(OR HIS DESIGNEE IF HE IS STILL TRAVELING OUTSIDE OF
AFRICA) AS WELL AS ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE RHODESIAN ANC
LEADERS PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND NYERERE CARE TO SUGGEST.
ACCORDINGLY, AMBASSADORS WILKOWSKI AND SPAIN SHOULD INFORM
KAUNDA AND NYERERE RESPECTIVELY OF SECRETARY'S THINKING
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ON THIS ASPECT OF HIS VISIT. IN DOING SO, AMBASSADORS

SHOULD SOLICIT VIEWS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE HEADS OF STATE
RE DESIRABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF SUCH MEETINGS DURING
SECRETARY'S STAY IN LUSAKA. IF NECESSARY, SECRETARY
COULD CANCEL TRIP TO LIVINGSTON TO SPEND EXTRA TIME IN
LUSAKA IN ORDER TO INCLUDE SUCH MEETING.

2. FYI. OUR POLICY IS STILL TO ENCOURAGE MODERATE AND
ELEMENTS AND NEGOTIATED, PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY PROGRESSION
TO MAJORITY RULE WITH PROTECTION OF MINORITY RIGHTS. WE
DO NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO SINGLE OUT NKOMO OR ANY OTHER
MODERATES AND MAKE THEM VULNERABLE TO ANY TRUMPED-UP

ACCUSATIONS THAT THEY ARE "CREATURES" OF THE AMERICANS.
HENCE SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN MEETING WITH WIDER SPECTRUM
OF LIBERATION MOVEMENT LEADERS. SUCH A MEETING WOULD ALSO
GIVE HIM OPPORTUNITY TO GET ACROSS U.S. VIEWS. END FYI.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION TO BRING ABOUT

SUBJECT MEETINGS UNTIL NYERERE'S AND KAUNDA'S VIEWS HAVE
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